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WIA GUIDANCE LETTER #03-05

SUBJECT: Announcement of PY 2003 Method II Incentive Awards

REFERENCE: P.L. 105-220, §134(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA); Subpart B, §665.200(e)(1)(2)(3) of WIA Final Rules dated August 11, 2000; WIA Guidance Letter #01-05 dated January 19, 2005.

BACKGROUND: This memo serves as formal notification to the state's Local Workforce Investment Areas (LWIAs) of the Method II incentive awards for WIA PY 2003. Each Method II award is based upon the degree to which each applicant LWIA developed an initiative that promotes creative and untried collaborations and coordination efforts among LWIBs and One-Stop system partners throughout the state that will result in a re-orientation of programs toward innovative, *long-term* plans to broaden the One-Stop customer base and enhance service delivery.

The state Employment Administration/WIA received a total of ten Method II applications from ten LWIAs by the March 18, 2005 deadline. For those local areas submitting an application, funding awards were based upon the application that received a score of at least 71 points of 100 possible points that could be awarded. The application form and scoring methodology were included with WIA Guidance Letter #01-05 dated January 19, 2005.

For WIA PY 2003, the Governor's Council on Workforce Policy (GCWP) set aside a total of \$375,000 of the state's discretionary funds for incentives for the state's LWIAs. **Seventy percent (\$262,500) of these incentive funds was earmarked for Method II awards**, while the remaining thirty percent (\$112,500) was earmarked for Method I performance awards.

Generally, an LWIA's potential Method II award coincides with the percentage of state formula funds the LWIA received in PY 2003. However, for local areas that received less than 3% of the PY 2002 formula allocation, award funds were adjusted slightly so that these local areas would be eligible for a minimum of 3% of the Method II funds.

The Method II awards for PY 2003 are as follows:

Apache County \$7,875	Maricopa County \$21,194
Mohave/LaPaz Counties \$4,463	Navajo County \$7,875
City of Phoenix \$22,536	Pima County \$25,480
Yavapai County \$6,563	

Note: Upon request from an applicant LWIA, the Employment Administration/WIA will provide scoring information and comments associated with your application.

Since both Method I and Method II awards call for LWIAs to amend their contracts, distribution of the above awards will include funds from Method I awards previously announced in WIA Guidance Letter #01-05. The Employment Administration/WIA Fiscal Unit will send out additional instructions for amending local contracts to reflect all incentive awards.

Please feel free to contact William Gadzia, WIA Executive Assistant, at (602) 542-2484 if you need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lela Alston". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lela" and last name "Alston" clearly distinguishable.

Lela Alston
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